



### **NEW Recommendations to Protect Persons Wounded During Bombings and Other Mass Casualty Events**

In an instant, an explosion or natural disaster can wreck havoc; producing numerous casualties with complex care needs. In response, new recommendations were published jointly this week in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports (MMWR) and the American Medical Association's (AMA) Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness journal on the use of immunizations and postexposure prophylaxis for tetanus and bloodborne pathogens (including hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)) in persons wounded during bombings or other events resulting in mass casualties.

The recommendations contained in this report, titled "Recommendations for Postexposure Interventions to Prevent Infection with Hepatitis B Virus, Hepatitis C Virus, or Human Immunodeficiency Virus, and Tetanus in Persons Wounded During Bombings and Other Mass-Casualty Events," represent the consensus of U.S. federal public health officials and reflect the experience and input of public health officials at all levels of government and the acute injury response community.

For more information or to download this report, please visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/MMWR/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5706a1.htm>. The article can also be accessed in the AMA's Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness journal, available at <http://www.dmphp.org/>.

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